

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal
National Historical Park**

**Code of Federal Regulations
Title 36, Chapter 1.7 (b)
2004 Superintendent's Compendium**

Compendium of designations, closures, request requirements and other restrictions imposed under the discretionary authority of the Superintendent.

In accordance with regulations and the designated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter I, Parts 1 through 7, authorized by Title 16, United States Code, Section 3, the following regulatory provisions are established for the proper management, protection, government and public use of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service.

These discretionary regulations are in addition to other regulations published in Title 36, CFR, Chapter 1, parts 2 through 7. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply, in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter I.

Recommended:

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Date

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Date

SECTION 1.5 - CLOSURES & PUBLIC USE LIMITS

The following areas are closed or restricted as indicated below. Additional locations may be closed or restricted (between annual revisions of this document) by the posting of appropriate signs.

- (1) Areas closed to visitation:
 - A. Maryland Gold Mine enclosures, the interior of the Ford Mine, and the Round Top Mine.
 - B. Other park structures (e.g., barns, mills, maintenance yards, houses) unless otherwise/elsewhere designated.
 - C. The access road to and the area within ¼ mile of the Four Locks firing range (Costlow Property).
 - D. Waters within the C&O Canal NHP are closed to motorized vessels, except electric motors may be used at Big Pool, Little Pool, and canal waters from lock 68 to Town Creek Aqueduct.
- (2) Areas with public use limits:
 - A. All park offices and office complexes; Georgetown, Brunswick, Williamsport, Hancock, Great Falls and Cumberland Visitor Centers, and the Abner Cloud House are closed to the public during non-business hours or when un-staffed.
 - B. All of Falls and Olmsted Islands are closed to public use except for designated walkways, footbridges, overlooks, and a 25-foot wide area along the river shoreline on barren rock or sand necessary for boaters to portage, scout, or rest.
 - C. Falls and Olmsted Islands are closed for boat, canoe, or kayak put-in or take-out for the Potomac River.
 - D. Falls and Olmsted Islands are closed to rock climbing, rappelling, and rock scrambling.
 - E. Falls and Olmsted Islands are closed to picnicking, food and beverages.
 - F. Parking lots, picnic areas and developed recreational sites are closed at dark. Designated overnight camping areas are excluded from this section.

Visitors may leave vehicles in parking areas after dark while utilizing the back country campsites, towpath, riverbank, or other areas that are not closed for recreational purposes including fishing, camping, boating, hiking, biking, etc. Darkness is defined as ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise.

- G. Foot trails, horse trails, and the towpath are closed to all unauthorized motorized vehicles, and hooped animal drawn vehicles (except by special use permit). The towpath is closed to horseback riding after dark. Canine-drawn sleds/gigs are permitted on the towpath between November 1 and March 15 between Whites Ferry (MP 35.5) and Town Creek (MP 162.2).
- H. Entering Seneca Creek from National Park Service property for the purpose of swimming, wading or bathing is prohibited.
- I. Pets are prohibited on the Falls and Olmsted Islands, boardwalks, bridges, overlooks, and section “A” of the Billy Goat Trail, including Bear Island.
- J. Bikes must be dismounted and walked in the pedestrian areas signed as such, in front of the Great Falls Tavern and all other designated areas.
- K. Lock 34 parking area is closed to parking on weekends and holidays from May 15 to October 1.
- L. Ice skating is permitted park-wide except where closed by signage.

SECTION 1.6 - PERMITS

In accordance with 36 CFR 1.7, the following is a compilation of activities requiring special permits:

1. Use of the Marsden Tract group day use and camping facilities.
2. Use of the Carderock Pavilion.
3. Display of commercial notices or advertisements.
4. Collection of scientific and research specimens.
5. Commercial filming or photography.
6. Sale or distribution of printed matter.
7. Special events.

8. Public assemblies, including First Amendment right activities.
9. Scattering human ashes in C&O Canal National Historical Park.
10. Entering closed areas.
11. Possession of alcoholic beverages.
12. Camping at Hiker/Biker sites by trail rider groups with more than four (4) horses.
13. Operating a public address system.
14. Audio devices.
15. Conducting commercial business operations.
16. Guiding.
17. Explosives.
18. Non-commercial soliciting.
19. Weddings.
20. Group and individual site camping. The Superintendent may suspend services or remove disorderly persons or groups or permit violators from the park area.

SECTION 2.1 - PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL & ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- (a)(4) Dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the immediate vicinity of designated picnic and camping areas, as permitted by 36 CFR 2.13 and this compendium, and may not be removed from the park.
- (5) Tying objects to trees, aqueducts, bridges or historic structures; jumping from or swinging by rope or other means from aqueducts, bridges, historic structures or trees is prohibited.

- (c)(1) The following plant fruits, nuts and berries may be gathered in the amounts established for personal use or consumption:

<u>Fruit/Nut/Berry</u>	<u>Daily/Person Limit</u>
Walnuts	1 Bushel
Hickory Nuts (sp.)	1 Bushel
Acorns (Oak sp.)	1 Bushel
Apples	1 Bushel
Cherries	½ Gallon
Blackberries	½ Gallon
Raspberries	½ Gallon
Dewberries	½ Gallon
Strawberries	½ Gallon
Huckleberry species	½ Gallon
Elderberries	½ Gallon
Paw Paws	½ Gallon
Mushroom species	½ Gallon

SECTION 2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

- (d) Hunters can transport legally taken, properly tagged and identified wildlife **across** C&O Canal NHP property at the following authorized locations:

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Swains Lock - MP 16.64 Access directly from parking lot to Potomac River by crossing bridge over lock and proceeding directly to river.

Pennyfield Lock - MP 20.01 Access to Potomac River via Muddy Branch at ramp only.

Violettes Lock - MP 22.12 Access directly from parking lot to Potomac River by crossing bridges over locks and proceeding directly to river.

Seneca Creek - MP 22.82 Access to Potomac River via Seneca Creek from county boat ramp off Riley's Lock Road.

Sycamore Island Landing - MP 27.21 Access directly from parking lot and across towpath to Potomac River.

Edwards Ferry - MP 30.84 Access via boat ramp to Potomac River.

Whites Ferry - MP 35.50 Access via privately owned boat ramp.

FREDERICK COUNTY

Monocacy River - MP 42.19 Access via boat ramp to Potomac River via Monocacy River.

Nolands Ferry - MP 44.58 Access via boat ramp to Potomac River.

Point of Rocks - MP 48.20 Access via boat ramp to Potomac River.

Lander (lock 29) - MP.50.89 Access via direct route on roadway from lock 29 to boat ramp and Potomac River.

Brunswick - MP 55.00 Access via boat ramp to Potomac River.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Weverton - MP 58.18 Access carry in via direct route from cul-de-sac at end of Keep Tryst Road.

Lock 34 (Goodhearts Lock) - MP 61.57 Access directly from parking area and across towpath to Potomac River.

Dargan Bend - MP 64.89 Access via boat ramp to Potomac River.

Antietam Creek - MP 69.36 Access by boat via Antietam Creek from Harpers Ferry Road, upstream of aqueduct.

Snyders Landing - MP 76.65 Access via boat ramp to Potomac River.

Taylors Landing - MP 80.90 Access via boat ramp to Potomac River.

Dam 4 Road – MP 84.2 Access via direct route to river around gate, just past 90 degree bend in road.

Big Slackwater - MP 85.40 Access via boat ramp to Potomac River.

Potomac Fish and Game - MP 93.88 Access via private ramp.

Funkstown Rod and Gun Club – MP 96.7 Access for current club members via their current river access.

Williamsport - MP 99.79 Access via ramp at River Bottom Park (City of Williamsport)

Four Locks - MP 108.74 Access via boat ramp to Potomac River.

McCoys Ferry - MP 110.42 Access via boat ramp to Potomac River.

Licking Creek - MP 116.04 Access by boat via Licking Creek.

Hancock (Little Tonoloway) - MP 124.33 Access via boat ramp to Potomac River.

Cohill Station - MP 129.99 Access from park footbridge across canal on Deneen Road directly to river.

ALLEGANY COUNTY

Fifteenmile Creek - MP 140.90 Access via boat ramp to Potomac River.

Higgins Tract - MP 146.80 to MP 148.80 Access by foot **across** the towpath to Green Ridge State Forest/Wildlife Management Area.

Bonds Landing - MP 148.80 Access by foot or vehicle directly across canal lands at Kasecamp Road to and from the State campground/boat ramp.

Paw Paw Tunnel Road corridor - MP 154.20 to MP 154.70 Access by foot **across** the top of Paw Paw Tunnel via Tunnel Hill Road only to Green Ridge State Forest/WMA.

Kifer Tract - MP 157.27 Access to private property.

Town Creek - Access to Town Creek permitted via direct route at end of cul-de-sac past pole gate. Access to river via creek in vessels carried/portaged.

Stegmaier Farm - MP 164.80 Retained hunting rights (private).

Buckley Island - MP 170.90 Access by foot on road to Buckley Island in Potomac River.

Spring Gap - MP 173.37 Access via boat ramp to Potomac River.

All milepost references are made utilizing the Towpath Guide to the C&O Canal by Thomas F. Hahn. Hunters are advised that lateral travel on the towpath is prohibited.

- (e) C&O Canal NHP is closed to viewing of wildlife with the use of artificial light.

SECTION 2.4 - WEAPONS, TRAPS AND NETS

- (d)(4) Hunters, during designated state hunting seasons with firearms unloaded, traditional bows unstrung, compound bows with arrows un-nocked, and dogs leashed, may **cross** C&O Canal National Historical Park lands by the most direct

route only at the locations **identified in** 36 CFR 2.2.

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SECTION 2.10 - CAMPING AND FOOD STORAGE

- (9) 1. Camping or overnight use by organized groups is permitted only at Marsden Tract by advance permit only.
2. Camping or overnight use at all drive-in, walk-in, hiker/biker, and Fifteenmile Creek group area campsites is permitted only on a first-come, first-served basis.

<u>HIKER/BIKER CAMPSITE</u>	<u>LOCATION (MP)</u>
Swains Lock	16.6
Horsepen Branch	26.1
Chisel Branch	30.5
Turtle Run	34.4
Marble Quarry	38.2
Indian Flats	42.5
Calico Rocks	47.6
Bald Eagle Island	50.3
Huckleberry Hill	62.9
Killiansburg Cave	75.2
Horseshoe Bend	79.2
Big Woods	82.7
Opequon Junction	90.9
Cumberland Valley	95.2
Jordan Junction	101.2
North Mountain	110.0
Licking Creek	116.0
Little Pool	120.6
White Rock	126.4
Leopards Mill	129.9
Cacapon Junction	133.6
Indigo Neck	139.2
Devils Alley	144.5
Stickpile Hill	149.4
Sorrel Ridge	154.1
Purslane Run	157.4
Town Creek	162.1
Potomac Forks	164.8

Pigmans Ferry	169.1
Irons Mountain	175.3
Evitts Creek	180.1
<u>DRIVE-IN CAMPGROUNDS</u>	<u>LOCATION (MP)</u>
McCoys Ferry	110.4
Fifteenmile Creek	140.9
Spring Gap	173.3
<u>WALK-IN CAMPGROUNDS</u>	<u>LOCATION (MP)</u>
Antietam Creek	69.7
Paw Paw	156.2
<u>GROUP CAMP SITE LOCATIONS</u>	<u>LOCATION (MP)</u>
Marsden Tract	11.0
McCoys Ferry	110.4
Fifteenmile Creek	141.0
Paw Paw	156.2

3. Camping or overnight use with vehicles and trailers is permitted only at the following locations on a first-come, first-served basis:
 - a. McCoys Ferry Drive-In Campground
 - b. Fifteenmile Creek Drive-In Campground
 - c. Spring Gap Drive-In Campground
4. Camping is limited to eight persons, two vehicles, and two tents per walk-in and drive-in campsites.
 - a. Claimed campsites may not be left unattended for longer than 24 hours.
 - b. Portable engines, generators, power mowers, and chainsaws are not permitted to be operated in any campground.
 - c. All wheeled vehicles except bicycles and wheelchairs must be kept off the grass.
 - d. Pitching of horseshoes is prohibited except in designated areas.
 - e. The maximum trailer length in drive-in camps is 20 feet.

- f. If camping and/or any personal gear is left on a campsite, that campsite is considered occupied and camping fees apply.
- 5. Camping at drive-in and walk-in campsites including group campsites is limited to 14 days between May 1 and October 1 and may not exceed 30 days in a calendar year. Camping at hiker/biker sites is limited to one night and six persons for each site.

SECTION 2.11 - PICNICKING

- 1. The use of portable engines, chainsaws, generators and power mowers is prohibited in picnic areas.
- 2. The pitching of horseshoes is prohibited, except in designated areas.

SECTION 2.13 - FIRES

- (a)(1) Fires are permitted ONLY in designated picnic and camping areas where grills or fire rings are provided or personal, self-contained portable grills/stoves may be used off the ground and away from overhanging vegetation.

SECTION 2.14 - SANITATION

- (a)(9) Toilets must be used where they are provided.

SECTION 2.15 – PETS

- (a)(5) Visitors with pets in the park are required to pick up and dispose of their pet's excrement by carrying it out of the park. Pets are prohibited on Falls and Olmsted Islands, section “A” of the Billy Goat Trail, boardwalks, bridges, and overlooks.
(see section 1.5,2,J)

SECTION 2.16 - HORSES AND PACK ANIMALS

- (b) Horseback riding is permitted on the Towpath from Swains Lock (MP 16.6) to the Offutt Street crossing at Candoc (MP 181.8) in Cumberland and on the Paw Paw Tunnel Hill trail. Access to the river for watering is authorized at public river access points (boat ramps).
- (g)
 - 1. Horses are not allowed in the Paw Paw Tunnel, park drive-in and walk-in campgrounds or picnic areas.

2. Feed for horses must be carried by the group. No grazing is permitted in the park.
3. Trail rider groups are responsible for keeping the loading and unloading areas clean. Manure must be picked up and hauled away.
4. Horses may be loaded or unloaded in parking areas. Loading/unloading must be kept in those portions of parking areas furthestmost from campgrounds or picnic areas. Groups must carry a loading ramp.
5. Riders must dismount and walk their horses across the aqueducts. Horses are restricted from crossing narrow wooden footbridges as they are not designed to carry the concentrated weight of the horses.
6. Trail Rider camping is allowed only in hiker/biker campsites and is limited to six persons, four horses, and one night per visit per site. Horses must be tethered at the furthestmost portion of the campsite away from the tent and picnic table locations. Groups are responsible for removing manure and left over feed, etc. from the park.
7. Horse trailers are not allowed in drive-in camping areas.
8. Horses/riders are not to exceed the speed of a slow trot.
9. Watering, cleaning, or tethering horses at park wells is prohibited. By use of a bucket or other container, water may be taken from park hand pump wells located at hiker/biker campsites and used for watering horses.
10. Horses may be loaded/unloaded, enter and exit the towpath at public access points only. Access from private property is prohibited.
11. Horseback riding is prohibited after dark.
12. Horse riders must pick up after their animals, all manure should be removed from the park, parking areas, and campsites.

SECTION 2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS, AND SIMILAR DEVICES

Roller skates, roller blades, and similar devices are allowed only on the Capital Crescent Trail and the Western Maryland Rail Trail.

SECTION 2.21 SMOKING

- (a) The use of any lighted tobacco product within the boundaries of C&O Canal NHP shall be in accordance with the Directors Order 50D dated December 1,2003, entitled "Smoking Policy."

SECTION 2.22 - PROPERTY

- (a)(2) Visitors on towpath hiker/biker trips are permitted to leave vehicles unattended for the period of their camping trips.

SECTION 2.23 - RECREATION FEES

- (a) Areas where recreation fees are established:
 - 1. Carderock Pavilion. (reservation fee);
 - 2. Georgetown canal boat trips;
 - 3. Great Falls, Maryland (entrance fee);
 - 4. Marsden Tract Group Campsite (res. camping fee);
 - 5. Antietam Creek Campground (camping fee);
 - 6. McCoys Ferry Campground (camping fee);
 - 7. Fifteenmile Creek Campground (camping fee);
 - 8. Fifteenmile Creek Group Campground (camping fee);
 - 9. Paw Paw Tunnel Campground (camping fee); and
 - 10. Spring Gap Campground (camping fee).

SECTION 2.35 - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

- (a)(3)(i) The possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages including beer, wine, or spirituous liquors within the C&O Canal NHP is prohibited except under a permit issued by the Park Superintendent. This does not apply to leased structures and those being used as residences. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited within the park and all park facilities.

SECTION 2.51 - PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES, MEETINGS

- (e) Permits for this type of activity will be issued by the Superintendent and limited to areas designated on maps contained in the Superintendent's Office. Written application must be submitted to the Superintendent and received at least seven (7) days prior to the date desired for commencement of the activity. Those areas with designated locations include Great Falls Tavern area, Monocacy Aqueduct, Brunswick, Williamsport (Cushwa), Little Tonoloway (Hancock), Fifteenmile Creek,

Paw Paw Tunnel, North Branch, and Oldtown.

SECTION 2.52 - SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER

- (e) Permits for this type of activity will be issued by the Superintendent and limited to areas designated on maps contained in the Superintendent's Office. Written application must be submitted to the Superintendent and received at least seven (7) days prior to the date desired for commencement of the activity. Those areas with designated locations include Great Falls Tavern area, Monocacy Aqueduct, Brunswick, Williamsport (Cushwa), Little Tonoloway (Hancock), Fifteenmile Creek, Paw Paw Tunnel North Branch and Oldtown.

Permits for special events, public assemblies and for distribution of printed matter will be issued pursuant to standards established in DO/RM-53 (Special Park Use Guidelines).

Permit Conditions:

- In addition to public assemblies/special events and meetings, gatherings, parades, demonstrations, or other public expressions of views are subject to the conditions of this regulation.
- Public assembly/special event permits may be limited to two (2) for any one (1) day.
- The maximum number of participants in a public assembly/special event will be limited to 20 persons.
- Public assembly/special events shall not exceed four (4) hours in duration.
- The public assembly/special event may be canceled at the discretion of the Superintendent when emergency or potentially hazardous conditions exist.
- All costs incurred by the park area as a result of a special event will be recovered from the permit holder.
- Public assembly/special events shall not interfere with normal public use or pedestrian flow.
- Public assembly/special events shall not take place during hours of darkness.
- Noise levels must not exceed the limits established in 36 CFR 2.12, audio disturbances.
- The maximum number of participants engaged in the sale or distribution of printed matter is ten (10).

- The commercial sale of items other than the printed matter approved for sale with a permit is prohibited.
- The permit holder is responsible for cleaning the public assembly/special event area upon the completion of the event.

SECTION 4.30 - BICYCLES

- (a) Bicycle riding is permitted only on the towpath, Burma Road, Capital Crescent Trail, and the Western Maryland Rail Trail from Polly Pond to Pearre. Bicycles must be dismounted and walked across aqueducts, and all foot bridges providing access to the towpath.

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